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May 19, 1959

The Athens - Clarke County Library Board met at the library on Tuesday, May 19, 1959 at 5 p.m.

Present were: Richard Bloodworth, Mrs. Frank Dudley, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Miss Natalie Bocock, W.W. Wier, Thomas H. Milner, Jr., Mrs. Robert Stephens, Jr. Troutman Wilson and Sarah Maret.

Chairman Bloodworth called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was suggested by Miss Maret that the painting of the inside of the library which was authorized at the last meeting be delayed until the end of the summer as the library building is so full of people during the vacation reading club months that it would be practically impossible to do the work.

It was noted that the terms of Mrs. Mendenhall, Judge Oldham, Mrs. Stephens and W.W. Wier on the board either have expired or are soon to expire. It was also noted that due to the death of two board members, vacancies now exist which should be filled. Mr. Wilson moved that Uly Gunn be recommended as a member of the board. Mrs. Stephens seconded motion. Motion carried. Mrs. Mendenhall moved that Marvin Perry be recommended as a member of the board. Mrs. Stephens seconded motion. Motion carried. Mr. Milner moved that Mrs. J.B. Neighbors be recommended as a member of the board. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dudley. Motion carried. The chairman said that he would write the necessary letters to the city and county authorities asking for the reappointment of Mrs. Mendenhall, Judge Oldham, Mrs. Stephens and Mr. Wier. Also he would recommend the appointment of Mr. Gunn, Mr. Perry and Mrs. Neighbors to the board.

The Director read a letter from Mrs. Mary Ann Hodgson relative to the library's cooperating in making recordings for the blind. It was pointed out that space for recording was needed, but was not available in the library at this time. Mr. Milner moved that we investigate the possibility of working with this group if space can be made available. Motion seconded and carried.

According to a communication from Miss Lucile Nix, the library is to place unused state travel funds into a bookmobile replacement fund. Mr. Milner moved that a bookmobile replacement fund be set up as a savings account at the National Bank of Athens and that we transfer to this fund twice a year the amount of state money allocated for travel and not used. Miss Bocock seconded motion. Motion carried.

The air conditioning of the library was discussed, but no action was taken on the matter.

A letter from White and Wier relative to the air conditioning of the bookmobile was read. Mr. Milner moved that a committee to study and receive bids for air conditioning the bookmobile be appointed and that this committee be given the power to act. Motion seconded and carried.

The nominating committee composed of W.W. Wier, Chr., Mrs. Grace Stephens and Miss Natalie Bocock gave the following report:

Chairman - Troutman Wilson
V. Chairman - B. Richard Bloodworth

Treas. Thomas H. Milner, Jr.
Rec. Sec. Mrs. F. H. Mendenhall

These officers were unanimously elected. The committee recommended that the board adopt the policy of depression of officers, i.e. the chairman become vice-chairman at the end of his term. This was adopted by common consent of the group.

Chairman Bloodworth reported that a book was being placed in the library by the board in memory of our late board member, Abit Nix. The Director said that she would notify the family of Mr. Nix.

The Director reported that a letter from Mr. Charles Block, Macon attorney, informed the library that it had been mentioned in the will of Mrs. Sophie Myers as follows: "I give and bequeath my eleven sections of books to the Athens Regional Library in memory of my son, Joseph F. Myers." She reported that the chairman had filled out a paper in March accepting this gift.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Maret

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Director and Secretary

October 22, 1959

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday, October 22, 1959 at 5 p.m. Present were: Troutman Wilson, W.W. Wier, Uly Gunn, Marvin Perry, Miss Natatie Boccock., Mrs. Marie Raymond, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors and Sarah Maret.

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order and welcomed the new members, Mr. Gunn, Mr. Perry and Mrs. Neighbors to the board.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Wilson reported that bids had been received by the committee for the painting of the library and that they were being given consideration. The contract would be let as soon as the committee could confer with the low bidders, W.N. Allen and Sons and T.L. Collins and clear up some items which had not been specifically stated in the bids.

The Board authorized the Library Director to employ extra help for removing and replacing the books on the shelves as the painting is completed. They also authorized the cleaning and re-taping of the blinds. It was suggested that consideration be given to the closing of the library while the work is in progress.

The Chairman reported that a bookmobile replacement account had been opened at the National Bank of Athens and that this account contained \$342.09. This was the sum which was unexpended from the travel funds allotted to the four state paid librarians.

The need for additional quarters for the library was brought to the attention of the members by Chairman Wilson. He reported that several locations had been suggested. These were the Edwards property immediately behind the library, Lucy Cobb, when the University had no further need for it, and the Henry Grady home on Prince Ave. All, he pointed out would be good possibilities. It was also pointed out that the present building should be retained for a downtown branch as it could well serve the section of the city around it.

The Librarian reviewed for the board the source of the funds received in the Special State Allotment (actually Federal Funds) and gave the provisions of how this fund should be spent. The region, this year is due to receive \$5,500.00

The Librarian was asked to retire from the room and during her absence a salary of supplement of \$50.00 per month was voted for her.

Air-conditioning of the Library building was discussed. Mr. Gunn moved that the necessary electrical wiring for air-conditioning be installed before the painting of the building and that the Chairman and the Director be authorized to have this done. Motion seconded by Wier. Motion carried.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

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December 17,¹959

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday, December 17 at 5 p.m.

Present were: Troutman Wilson, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors, Richard Bloodworth, Billy Weir, Mrs. Robert Stephens, Judge Arthur Oldham, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, and Sarah Maret. Also present was Mr. Hugh Logan, incoming chairman of the Clarke County Commissioners. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilson. Minutes of the last board meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman reported that the library building had been painted by F.L. Collins, Jr. at a cost of \$1690.00 and that due to the pressure of time the committee had not been able to get bids on the electrical wiring necessary for installing air conditioning in the library. Miss Maret reported that the Pilot Club had voted to air condition the adult reading room.

Mr. Wilson said that in checking through the city minutes, Mr. Smith, city clerk reported he was unable to locate the terms of board member, Mrs. Frank Dudley. In order to get the library records and the city records to coincide, Mr. Wilson said that he had written a letter asking for the re-affirmation of the appointment of three members to the board and the extension of their term to December 8, 1964. These members were, Mrs. Frank Dudley, Miss Natalie Boccock and Mrs. Henry Raymond. Mr. Bloodworth reported that Councilman Denny had recommended Mrs. C.M. James as a board member. It was moved by Mr. Bloodworth, seconded by Mr. Weir that the board recommend Mrs. James as a board member, with her name being presented to the Mayor and Council. Motion was carried.

Social Security for the state paid library personnel who are not now covered was discussed. It was pointed out that this would involve social security for three or four people on the staff. It was recommended that the persons involved talk with the the local Social Security office and that the Director report back to the board.

The Director asked that a ruling on the staff's ordering books through the library be made. Mr. Weir moved that the employees be allowed to continue to order books through the library, provided they are for their own personal use. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephens. Motion was carried.

Chairman Wilson read a letter from Sam W. Wood, Clarke County School Superintendent relative to the expansion of library service to the Clarke County schools not now being served by the bookmobile. A committee composed of Mrs. Wendenhall, chairman, Mrs. Stephens and Miss Maret was appointed to consider the matter.

It was pointed out by the Director that the bill providing ^{federal} funds via of the State Department of Education was due to expire at the end of June 1961 and that we would like to have a new bill passed before the end of June 1960 to assure the continued federal appropriation for libraries. The Director said she would get the name and number of the bill requesting the extension of federal funds and would notify all board members so that they could write or wire their congressman.

The budget for 1960 was discussed. Mr. Bloodworth moved that the budget be adopted. Motion was seconded by Mr. Weir. Motion carried.

The Director pointed out that an effort would be made to secure more operating funds from Oconee County. She stated that if the Special Library Allotment of \$5,500.00 were not available for the region we would be extremely pressed for operating expenses in this county.

It was moved by Judge Oldham that a salary supplement be given to the staff for the year and that it be given on the same basis as in previous years - i.e. \$25.00 for full time employees, \$15.00 for branch librarians and the amount to be given to those working on an hourly basis to be determined by the Director and the Chairman of the Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bloodworth. Motion was carried.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.



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Secretary